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TO: All Vaccine Providers

FROM: Tim Heath
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RE: Meningococcal Vaccine

Dear Colleagues:

Since there has been recent increased awareness of Meningococcal disease, I thought it would be prudent to discuss some facts about the state supplied Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) and eligibility.

Currently the state supplied MCV4 is available for all VFC children 11 through 18 years of age. If a child is underinsured, he/she would need to receive their immunization at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Center (RHC) facility. Non-VFC children would need to receive privately purchased vaccine.

The vaccination schedule is a single dose, and revaccination is not currently recommended. MCV4 should be administered by intramuscular injection.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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